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August 25, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Billings Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. We represent more than 1,200 local and area businesses, including corporations with a century of experience, startup businesses and sole proprietors. We cater to entrepreneurs in every niche, and we understand the importance of having flexibility to meet each of their needs. We support New Charter because it would similarly fit the needs of all types of businesses. The company would also boost our local economy through continued employee investment.

New Charter would offer customers an array of broadband options, beginning with 60 Mbps and topping out at the ultra-fast 300 Mbps. In addition, schools, libraries and enterprise businesses could subscribe to up to 10 Gbps. All customers would have cloud-based technology and benefit from ongoing fiber-optics investments in the commercial and residential markets. New Charter would also never charge modem fees or utilize usage-based billing, nor would it extend data caps to any customer on any plan.

We are excited about New Charter because of its innovative products, but we are also invested in the merger because Charter is currently a major local employer in Billings. Merger talks are sometimes followed by downsizing, but New Charter has committed to job growth by expanding domestic customer call centers.

We believe our members would benefit from New Charter, and are confident Charter employees would not be disrupted from the merger. We ask that you join us and approve the merger.

Sincerely

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